REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-13 and 17-22 are active in this case. The claims have been amended to

replace the terms "protected" carboxy, amino, guanidino to include their definitions from the

specification on pages 13-15. As the amendments do not pose any new issues that would

require further search and/or consideration, Applicants request entry of the amendments.

Moreover, no new matter is believed to have been added by these amendments.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 4-7 and 10-11 are drawn to

allowable subject matter. In view of the amendments and remarks submitted in this paper,

Applicants request allowance of all pending claims.

The rejection of Claims 1-3, 8, 9, and 12-17 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph has

been addressed by amendment. Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

Finally, Applicants request a Notice of Allowance for this application.

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